

## **Preliminary Announcement**

Dear Colleagues,

You are cordially invited to attend an important fuel cell workshop! The Environmentally Preferred Advanced Generation (EPAG) Area of the California Energy Commission's Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) Program, is organizing a one day fuel cell workshop:

### **Fuel Cells in California: Opportunities and Barriers**

**Date: May 31, 2006**

**Time: 9:00 am-5:00 pm**

**California Energy Commission, 1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, California,  
Hearing Room A**

The purpose of this workshop is to gather information on the current technical status and commercialization prospects for fuel cells in California. Experts from both the transportation and stationary power sectors will discuss the technical hurdles remaining for fuel cell development, financing and marketing challenges, manufacturing requirements, end user expectations and appropriate roles for state government in Fuel Cell Research, Development and Demonstration. The presentations and panel sessions will cover proton exchange membrane, solid oxide, molten carbonate, and phosphoric acid fuel cells.

The results from this workshop will be utilized by EPAG in preparing a 5 Year Roadmap that will help guide future PIER funding of fuel cell projects. In particular, the roadmap will identify areas where PIER funding will accelerate the development and commercialization of fuel cells to benefit the California ratepayer.

The level of the presentations will be such that an audience of wide-ranging technical backgrounds and interest will be able to participate. The audience will be allowed ample opportunity to ask questions of the speakers.

Please indicate your interest in attending this meeting to Kelly LaFave at:

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If you are traveling to Sacramento from out of town, we encourage you to make hotel reservations as soon as possible. For those of you who are interested, the popular Sacramento Jazz Festival will be held in Sacramento Memorial Day weekend.

Final approval for this meeting is pending with the Commission. Additional meeting and registration information and will be available shortly. Details will also be available on the Energy Commission website

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